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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Branch, DFD-DD/P

ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : [REDACTED]

1. In discussions with Mr. Cunningham on 28 October 1959, he showed me Lockheed's schedule for delivery of the first plane [REDACTED] in March of 1961 and the first test to be run in May of 1961. Also that Mr. Kelly Johnson expected to have personnel at the Site one month prior to delivery of the vehicle.

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2. Considerable construction work must be accomplished prior to delivery of the first vehicle, such as extending hangars, warm-up pad and possibly the runway. At this time, there are only 16 months in which to accomplish this construction. Six months of the 16 can be lost to construction during the winter due to insolent weather conditions.

3. I would also like to bring to your attention that this construction work will be in progress during the test [REDACTED] of the full scale model of the vehicle and that [REDACTED] construction employees will be in continuous view of the tests.

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4. It is urgent that facility requirements be obtained at the earliest possible date and [REDACTED] be authorized to proceed with developing plans to meet these requirements.

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